

1 SENATE BILL 487

2 **48TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2007**

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10 AN ACT

11 RELATING TO PUBLIC ASSISTANCE; REQUIRING THE HUMAN SERVICES
12 DEPARTMENT TO DEVOTE A PORTION OF TEMPORARY ASSISTANCE FOR
13 NEEDY FAMILIES FUNDING TO MEETING THE FAMILY FORMATION GOALS OF
14 THE FEDERAL ACT FUNDING THAT PROGRAM.

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16 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

17 Section 1. Section 27-2B-1 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1998,
18 Chapter 8, Section 1 and Laws 1998, Chapter 9, Section 1) is
19 amended to read:

20 "27-2B-1. SHORT TITLE.--~~[Sections 1 through 20 of this~~
21 ~~act]~~ Chapter 27, Article 2B NMSA 1978 may be cited as the "New
22 Mexico Works Act"."

23 Section 2. A new section of the New Mexico Works Act,
24 Section 27-2B-7.2 NMSA 1978, is enacted to read:

25 "27-2B-7.2. [NEW MATERIAL] FAMILY FORMATION GOALS.--

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1 A. In fiscal year 2008 and each subsequent fiscal
2 year, an amount equal to no less than one percent of the
3 state's temporary assistance for needy families program federal
4 block grant shall be expended on programs to enhance family
5 formation pursuant to Subsection B of this section.

6 B. Family formation programs shall be provided
7 through pre-kindergarten programs to parents and, where
8 appropriate, children in pre-kindergarten programs and shall
9 include instruction in:

10 (1) relationship, communication and conflict
11 resolution skills;

12 (2) financial management training;

13 (3) marriage education, marriage skills and
14 marriage mentoring programs;

15 (4) parenting skills; and

16 (5) divorce reduction programs that teach
17 relationship skills.

18 C. The secretary shall adopt rules for family
19 formation programs.

20 D. The secretary shall report annually through 2010
21 on family formation programs and funding to the welfare reform
22 oversight committee or other appropriate legislative interim
23 committee."

24 Section 3. EFFECTIVE DATE.--The effective date of the
25 provisions of this act is July 1, 2007.

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